

News of Columbia Society

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DINNER FOR MR. AND MRS. RITCHIE

Mrs. F. E. Moore of 615 Lee street will entertain at dinner tonight in honor of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Ritchie whose marriage took place in Shreveport, La., last Saturday. Mrs. Ritchie was formerly Miss Maggie Lee Bell. She is a graduate of the University and a member of the Alpha Phi sorority. Mr. Ritchie has received several degrees from the University and is at present connected with the chemistry department.

The guests at Mrs. Moore's dinner tonight include: Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Peters, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Seiveking and Miss Mildred Schroeder.

LUNCHEON FOR KNITTING CLUB

Mrs. J. P. McBaine will entertain the Knitting Club with a luncheon at 1 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at her home, 7 Glenwood avenue. The guest of honor will be Mrs. Walter Robinson of Kansas City, who is visiting Mrs. John E. Sykes. Mrs. Robinson was a former student in the university, and a member of the Pi Beta Phi sorority.

The convention of the sixth district of the Christian Church opened at Mexico this morning and will continue until next Friday. Several members of the Columbia Christian Church are attending the convention: the Rev. W. M. Hausalter, Mrs. D. A. Robnett, Miss Ann Fleming, Mrs. J. J. Phillips, Mrs. C. E. McVey, Mrs. L. W. St. Clair-Moss and Walter Gibbs.

Mrs. Burtis Price and Miss Julia Price will leave tomorrow for their home in Marshall. Miss Price has been a student in the University this year, and recently underwent an operation for appendicitis. She is a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. Mrs. Price has been in Columbia during her daughter's illness.

Reservations for 1 o'clock luncheon for Ladies' Day at the Country Club today, were made by the following: Mrs. James Gordon, Mrs. Frank Dearing, Mrs. H. H. Tandy, Mrs. Derby Bass, Mrs. S. F. Conley, Mrs. J. P. McBaine, Mrs. E. C. Clinkscales and Miss Pearl Mitchell.

Major O. S. Wood entertained with a dinner at the Daniel Boone Tavern last Sunday evening. The guests were: Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Lipscomb, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Bowling, Mr. and Mrs. James Garth and Miss Frances Mitchell.

The meeting of the Kate Thompson Circle of the King's Daughters has been postponed until next Tuesday when it

MOTOR VEHICLE NEEDED "FARMING IMPLEMENT"

Congress Must Encourage Improved Highway Construction, Says Commission.

By JAMES T. KOLBERT.
(By United Press Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, March 1.—Congress must continue to promote an adequate program of the highway construction and maintenance, the Joint Congressional Commission on Agricultural Inquiry soon will report to Congress, its chairman, Rep. Sydney Anderson, Minnesota, said recently.

The commission believes that the motor vehicle has come to be an indispensable "farming implement," and that good roads, built so as to aid the farmer in getting his products to the best markets, are essential to the agricultural life of the nation.

Correlation of the highways with rail and water transportation and a uniform basis for taxing motor vehicles also will be urged by the commission in its report.

"The commission," Anderson said, "is strongly of the opinion that the program of highway construction and maintenance by States and counties be continued under the direction of qualified experts, with particular reference to the construction and maintenance of farm-to-market roads; that adequate funds should be appropriated for research and regulation of traffic based upon the facts so ascertained.

"Also that the several States co-operate in effecting a uniform basis for taxing motor trucks and other motor vehicles, which shall fairly represent the proportion of expense of highway construction and maintenance chargeable to such vehicles."

Previous to its appearance, the economic zone of transportation was sharply defined by the haulage range of the horse and the cost of such transportation. It will be shown in the report that in 1918 the estimated cost of hauling in wagons from farms to shipping point averaged about 30 cents per ton mile for wheat, 33 cents for corn and 48 cents for cotton. Hauling in motor truck or by tractor makes the averages 15 cents for wheat and corn and 18 cents for cotton.

"It thus appears," said the chairman, "that the major result accomplished by this new form of transportation has been to extend and broaden the markets of the farmer. Single reactions are to be found in the fact that the use of the motor vehicle has brought the farmer closer to the city and also has increased the desirability and comfort of farm life.

"Another effect of improved highways is to enable the farmer to hold his products on the farm for a longer time. Where highways are unimproved the farmer must move his produce when the roads are good, which is generally at the season when the prices are lowest.

"The Commission believes there should

will meet with Mrs. James Gordon. Mrs. Berry McAlester will lead the meeting. The subject will be "The Exhortation to Industry."

Mrs. Isadore Barth will entertain with two tables of bridge tomorrow afternoon.

Dr. Guy L. Noyes went to Jefferson City this morning to attend a meeting of the Missouri State Medical Association.

Miss Alline Smith, who has been visiting in Mexico for a few days, will return to Columbia Wednesday. Miss Smith attended the National Y. W. C. A. convention at Hot Springs, Ark., with Miss Maude Gwinn.

Miss Judith Ann Gilbert, who has been at her home in Nevada, Mo., since the close of the term, returned yesterday to re-enter school. She will live at the Kappa Kappa Gamma house.

Dr. Eva Johnston, who has been visiting in the country for a few days, has returned to Columbia where she will be for a short time before going to Hahatonka, Mo., to spend her vacation.

The Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority held formal initiation Sunday morning for the following: Miss Isabel Stepp, Miss Katherine Shockey and Miss Edith Arularius.

The Rollins Street Bridge Club met at the home of Mrs. J. E. Sykes last night. The ladies' prize was awarded to Mrs. C. B. Rollins. A. G. Spencer won the men's prize.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Johnston and small son, J. T. Jr., of St. Louis will arrive Saturday to be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Anderson.

Members of the Sigma Chi fraternity will entertain with dinner parties Friday and Saturday nights, in honor of their High School day visitors.

The Christian College Club will meet at 3 o'clock Thursday at the home of Mrs. H. H. Banks, 1103 More's boulevard.

Miss Maude Gwinn, who has been attending the National Y. W. C. A. Convention at Hot Springs, Ark., will return Wednesday.

A. E. Withers of San Antonio, Tex., is spending several days at the Sigma Nu house.

The Stephens College Club will meet in the college parlors at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

The Phi Delta Theta fraternity held formal initiation last night for Walker Labrunerie and Paul D. Owen.

be regulation of the use of the highways, especially with respect to overloading and maximum loading to be based upon the facts so developed.

Regarding the parcel post, the Joint Commission will recommend to Congress: That a study be made to determine what branches of the Postal Service are self-sustaining with the view of making the department, after due credit for operations performed for the General Government, self-supporting, or more nearly in accordance with the costs. This should be done by proper readjustment of charges and removal of present rate inconsistencies. The purpose of holding the Postal Service responsive to the needs of the agricultural community should be constantly kept in view.

"The Commission believes," said the chairman, "that increased postage rate on second-class mail matter, notwithstanding reductions of fourth-class matter, has been particularly burdensome upon publications known as farm papers.

"It is our conclusion that fourth-class mail matter of parcel post has come to constitute three-fourths of the total postal tonnage with corresponding increase of cost to the department. It has gone far beyond the original proposal for local distribution through the mails of small parcels in order to utilize the empty space in rural vehicles for the benefit of rural patrons, and it is now doing largely what was formerly the express business of the country. This development of parcel post is increasing.

"HOBOETTE" IS PROTECTED BY RAILROAD MEN

Brakeman Provides First Meal and Shows Faster Way to Travel—She Boards Engine.

STRANGERS ARE KIND Friend Aids Her to Bloomington—Meets a Bolshevik—Enters Chicago on "the Cushions."

Miss Helen Reiman, "hoboette," also student in the University of Missouri, continues the story of her experiences as she left Columbia for Chicago, costumed as a man and with her hair cut short. She had just climbed into a boxcar at Centuria as the first installment ended. Here is the next chapter of her story as told in the Chicago Herald-Examiner.

By HELEN REIMAN.

I cuddled into a corner of the bumping freight car and through the half-opened door watched the gray of evening turn to night.

It was an hour after dark. The train took a siding to give a passenger right of way. The flicker of a light showed at the car door. A lantern was thrust in and the brakeman—THE brakeman—climbed after it.

He walked over to me, switched his lantern about my head—and snickered.

"Whatever made you believe you could get away with that he-bum-stuff?" he asked.

REAL RELIEF

His voice was not unkind. My relief was prodigious.

I told him why I was there, I told him something of myself.

"Well," he finally said, "I'm afraid for you, but I'll let you stay until we hit Roodhouse, Ill., in the morning."

There was no slicked-up, uniformed personage to poke a head into my car the next morning to announce our approach to Roodhouse. But my brakeman friend was on the job. He helped me out of the car and pointed the way to a dinky station lunch counter.

"I know the old girl who runs it," he assured me. "She's all right. Come on over and eat. I won't cost you anything."

HER FIRST MEAL

Hesitatingly, I followed him into the restaurant. The brakeman and I were the only customers. There I ate my first meal since leaving Columbia.

Outside again, the brakeman suggested that freights were too slow.

"I'll show you how to hop a blind baggage or the tank end of an engine," he said.

HE SHOWED ME

He showed me. He even boarded the aboard the tank—just behind the coal tender of the engine.

That's how I reached Mason City so quickly—at 10 a. m. Monday. I bounced off in the yards. I ran around a railroad building to hide lest some railroad detective should grab me. There bumped into John Horn.

"Hey, girl," he yelled, "what you doing in boys' clothes?"

He looked at me more closely.

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MA IS A BRICK

Ma—Mrs. Mylo Horn—was a wonder. She clucked over me and tut tutted as though I were her own daughter en route to trouble. After I had told her why I was hoboeing she seemed a bit reconciled.

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She fed me, made me promise to let her know when I had reached Chicago, and kissed me goodby.

John knew a brakeman on the next train out—bound for Bloomington. When the freight rolled in I was introduced and the brakeman agreed to see me through.

He stood me on the engine tank and, when it began to rain, he even hauled some sort of canvas up over the top of the tender and the end of the adjoining car, providing me with shelter.

He warned me, however, that the dicks in the Bloomington yards might make trouble for me, so he suggested later that I retire to a coal car toward the rear.

I softened out a nestling place in one end of the coal heap and was about to drowse off when what hair I had left after its trimming began to rise in horror.

A BOLSHIEVIST

Stuck around an edge of the coal pile was a face covered with bristling red whiskers, topped by a brick-toned thatch and containing a pair of red, gleaming eyes.

"Say, boy," he whispered, "how you going to get out of Bloomington?"

"I don't know," I tried to answer in deepest bass.

My voice, though, wouldn't behave. He recognized the girl-voice.

His eyes fired into a still deeper red. He began squirming closer.

"Listen, kid," he said, "I'll help you. I know a way."

His breath was almost on my cheek, when—

"Hey, you bum," howled the brakeman, suddenly materializing beside him. "Get the hell out of this car."

FINISHES IN LUXURY.

The rest was easy. My second brakeman friend aided me in Bloomington by hopping me into the rear end of a passenger coach. He said he would beg the suffrance of the conductor for me. The conductor, it appears, had a daughter. When he found me, he frowned, coughed and grinned. Then, without a word, he went about his business.

That's how I rolled into Chicago.

College Students to Give Recital.

An undergraduate recital by pupils in the Conservatory of Music at Christian College will be given at 8 o'clock tonight in the college auditorium. Those taking part will be: Miss Ellen Guffy, of Cleveland, Okla., a violin pupil of George Venable; Miss Mary Nance, of Kevit, Ky., pianist, a pupil of H. H. Loudenbach; and two singers, Miss Margaret Paul of Augusta, Kan., and L. Don Harkey, of Columbia, both pupils of Mrs. Anna Froman.

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